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REMARKS

Claims 1-31 were pending in the application. By this paper, Applicant has cancelled Claims 29 and 30 without prejudice, and added new Claims 32-34. Hence, Claims 1-28 and 31-34 are presented for examination herein.

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New Claims

Applicant has herein added new Claims 32-34. Applicant submits that these new claims read on the elected Group I invention and introduce no new matter. Support for these claims is replete throughout the specification, specifically support can be found in the following locations:

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Claim 32 – Claim 32 reads on the elected Group I invention drawn to a user-configurable electronics assembly. Support for this Claim can be found, *inter alia*, at Fig. 1f and accompanying disclosure.

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Claims 33 and 34 – Applicant has herein added Claims 33 and 34 and submits that these Claims read on the elected Group I invention drawn to a backplane element. Support for this claim can be found, *inter alia*, at Figs. 1n through 1aa, and accompanying disclosure, as well as on page 13, lines 1-16 (for Claim 34).

20 *Information Disclosure Statement*

Applicant submits herewith an Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449 citing ten (10) references for the Examiner's review.

Other Remarks

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Applicant hereby specifically reserves the right to prosecute claims of different or broader scope in a continuation or divisional application.

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Applicant notes that any claim cancellations or additions made herein are made solely for the purposes of more clearly and particularly describing and claiming the invention and responding to the aforementioned restriction election, and not for purposes of overcoming art or for patentability. The Examiner should infer no (i) adoption of a position with respect to patentability, (ii) change in the Applicant's position with respect to any claim or subject matter of

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the invention, or (iii) acquiescence in any way to any position taken by the Examiner, based on such cancellations or additions.


Furthermore, any remarks made with respect to a given claim or claims are limited solely to such claim or claims.

5 If the Examiner has any questions or comments which may be resolved over the telephone, he is requested to call the undersigned at (858) 675-1670.

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